

Sinclair Broadcasting uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Their recently announced decision to not only produce, but require local affiliates to air, a clearly partisan attack on Senator John Kerry in the last week before the election is a repudiation of their obligations to the public. It is also a direct attack on the legally mandated mission of the FCC to protect, and license the airwaves in the interests of the public, not the private interests of the station owners.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.  
Thank you.